

## N E W S R E L E A S E

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### **California's Unemployment Rate Inches Up to 4.9 Percent** **Payroll Employment Down 2,600 Jobs**

**SACRAMENTO** – California's unemployment rate was 4.9 percent in April, up from 4.8 percent in March, the state Employment Development Department (EDD) reported today. A year ago, in April 2005, California's unemployment rate was 5.4 percent.

According to EDD's survey of employers, nonfarm payroll employment in California declined by 2,600 jobs over the month, for a total of 14,951,100.

According to the separate survey of households, the number of Californians holding jobs in April was 16,865,000. This was a decrease of 9,000 from March, but up 185,000 from the employment total in April of last year.

The number of people unemployed in California was 870,000 – an increase of 22,000 over the month, but down by 91,000 compared with April of last year.

Of the unemployed, 263,200 were laid off, 65,200 left their jobs voluntarily, and the remaining were either new entrants or reentrants into the labor market, or persons who completed temporary jobs.

#### **UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE CLAIMS (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)**

In related data, the EDD reported that there were 375,355 people receiving regular unemployment insurance benefits during the April survey week. This compares with 378,630 last month and 389,650 last year. At the same time, new claims for unemployment insurance were 41,552 in April 2006, compared with 37,573 in March and 44,769 in April of last year.

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## WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT DETAIL (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

EDD's report on payroll employment (wage and salary jobs) in the nonfarm industries of California totaled 14,951,100 in April, a net loss of 2,600 jobs since the March survey. This followed a loss of 13,400 jobs (as revised) in March.

Six of the categories (**manufacturing; professional and business services; educational and health services; leisure and hospitality; other services; and government**) added jobs over the month, gaining 15,600 jobs. The manufacturing industry showed the largest gain, up by 4,200 jobs. Five categories (**natural resources and mining; construction; trade, transportation and utilities; information; and financial activities**) reported job declines this month, down 18,200 jobs. Construction posted the largest decline over the month, down by 8,300 jobs.

In a year-over-year comparison (April 2005 to April 2006), nonfarm payroll employment in California increased by 215,700 jobs (up 1.5 percent).

Nine industry divisions (**natural resources and mining; construction; trade, transportation and utilities; financial activities; professional and business services; educational and health services; leisure and hospitality; other services; and government**) posted job gains over the year, adding 226,500 jobs. On a numerical basis, professional and business services showed the strongest employment growth, adding 62,400 jobs (a 2.9 percent increase). On a percentage of growth basis, natural resources and mining showed the strongest gain, up 3.4 percent (adding 800 jobs).

Two categories (**manufacturing and information**) posted job declines over the year, down 10,800 jobs. On a numerical basis, manufacturing employment showed the largest decline, down by 7,400 jobs (a decline of 0.5 percent).

## WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT DETAIL (**NOT** SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

Over the month, employment in **leisure and hospitality** showed the largest non-seasonally adjusted gain, up by 14,300 jobs. The gains were divided between the arts, entertainment, and recreation sector (up 7,500 jobs) and the accommodation and food service sector (up 6,800 jobs). **Information** recorded the greatest non-seasonally adjusted loss, down by 5,900 jobs. Most of the losses were in the motion picture and sound recording sector, which declined by 5,600 jobs.

The **professional and business services** industries reported the largest gain over the year, up 58,400 jobs. The gains were concentrated in the professional, scientific and technical services sector, which was up by 27,200 jobs, and the administrative and support and waste services sector, which was up by 28,900 jobs. The largest decrease over the year was in **manufacturing**, which was down by 6,200 jobs. Most of the losses were in the durable goods sector, which was down by 5,000 jobs.

Seasonally adjusted payroll detail follows:

**WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA**  
(Amounts in thousands)

Industrial Classification	April 2006 (prelim.)	March 2006	April 2005	Change Over 12 months (Percent)
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Workers . . . . .	14,951.1	14,953.7	14,735.4	1.5
Natural resources and mining . . . . .	24.0	24.1	23.2	3.4
Construction . . . . .	917.3	925.6	896.2	2.4
Manufacturing . . . . .	1,508.3	1,504.1	1,515.7	-0.5
Trade, transportation and utilities . . . . .	2,833.9	2,837.7	2,803.3	1.1
Information . . . . .	467.0	472.9	470.4	-0.7
Financial activities . . . . .	941.4	941.5	920.8	2.2
Professional and business services . . . . .	2,196.8	2,192.9	2,134.4	2.9
Educational and health services . . . . .	1,605.4	1,602.7	1,581.9	1.5
Leisure and hospitality . . . . .	1,510.8	1,509.2	1,472.8	2.6
Other services . . . . .	517.6	516.2	510.2	1.5
Government* . . . . .	2,428.6	2,426.8	2,406.5	0.9
Agriculture . . . . .	367.1	378.1	370.4	-0.9

\*Includes all civilian employees of federal, state, and local governments.

**TABLE A**  
**EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA**

	April 2006	March 2006	February 2006	April 2005
Civilian labor force <sup>a</sup> . . . . .	17,735,000	17,722,000	17,695,000	17,641,000
Total civilian employment . . . . .	16,865,000	16,874,000	16,816,000	16,680,000
Unemployment . . . . .	870,000	848,000	879,000	961,000
Seasonally adjusted rate % . . . .	4.9	4.8	5.0	5.4
US seasonally adjusted rate % . . .	4.7	4.7	4.8	5.1

**TABLE B**  
**EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, UNADJUSTED DATA**

	April 2006	March 2006	February 2006	April 2005
Civilian labor force <sup>a</sup> . . . . .	17,647,000	17,689,000	17,666,000	17,574,000
Total civilian employment . . . . .	16,805,000	16,801,000	16,718,000	16,638,000
Unemployment . . . . .	842,000	888,000	948,000	936,000
Unadjusted rate % . . . . .	4.8	5.0	5.4	5.3

<sup>a</sup>Labor force by place of residence including workers involved in trade disputes.

**MONTHLY LABOR FORCE DATA FOR COUNTIES**  
**APRIL 2006; 2005 BENCHMARK**  
**NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED**

COUNTY	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE
<b>STATE TOTAL</b>	<b>17,647,400</b>	<b>16,805,300</b>	<b>842,100</b>	<b>4.8%</b>
ALAMEDA	744,600	712,000	32,600	4.4%
ALPINE	560	540	30	5.0%
AMADOR	16,700	15,750	950	5.7%
BUTTE	99,800	93,400	6,400	6.5%
CALAVERAS	20,870	19,630	1,240	5.9%
COLUSA	10,490	8,900	1,590	15.1%
CONTRA COSTA	510,600	489,500	21,200	4.1%
DEL NORTE	10,450	9,750	700	6.7%
EL DORADO	91,600	87,300	4,300	4.7%
FRESNO	406,600	370,800	35,800	8.8%
GLENN	11,300	10,220	1,080	9.6%
HUMBOLDT	60,400	57,100	3,300	5.5%
IMPERIAL	61,800	53,500	8,300	13.4%
INYO	9,420	9,010	410	4.4%
KERN	320,400	293,300	27,100	8.5%
KINGS	54,900	49,800	5,200	9.4%
LAKE	25,490	23,650	1,840	7.2%
LASSEN	12,270	11,110	1,160	9.4%
LOS ANGELES	4,859,900	4,642,100	217,800	4.5%
MADERA	59,600	54,800	4,900	8.1%
MARIN	128,800	124,400	4,400	3.4%
MARIPOSA	8,370	7,830	540	6.5%
MENDOCINO	43,430	40,960	2,460	5.7%
MERCED	98,800	88,300	10,500	10.6%
MODOC	3,870	3,520	350	9.1%
MONO	9,340	9,040	300	3.2%
MONTEREY	209,600	194,400	15,200	7.2%
NAPA	72,100	69,200	2,900	4.0%
NEVADA	49,210	47,010	2,200	4.5%
ORANGE	1,587,400	1,536,600	50,800	3.2%
PLACER	163,200	156,700	6,500	4.0%
PLUMAS	10,170	9,230	940	9.2%
RIVERSIDE	846,200	810,400	35,800	4.2%
SACRAMENTO	675,700	644,900	30,900	4.6%
SAN BENITO	24,900	22,800	2,100	8.5%
SAN BERNARDINO	861,900	824,700	37,100	4.3%
SAN DIEGO	1,493,400	1,438,600	54,800	3.7%
SAN FRANCISCO	415,100	397,800	17,400	4.2%
SAN JOAQUIN	283,000	261,300	21,700	7.7%
SAN LUIS OBISPO	130,600	125,800	4,700	3.6%
SAN MATEO	360,200	347,000	13,200	3.7%
SANTA BARBARA	215,200	206,800	8,400	3.9%
SANTA CLARA	808,100	771,800	36,300	4.5%
SANTA CRUZ	143,200	133,700	9,400	6.6%
SHASTA	81,200	75,300	5,900	7.3%
SIERRA	1,540	1,390	150	10.0%
SISKIYOU	18,340	16,740	1,600	8.7%
SOLANO	209,700	199,200	10,500	5.0%
SONOMA	252,000	241,700	10,300	4.1%
STANISLAUS	227,300	208,000	19,400	8.5%
SUTTER	41,500	37,200	4,400	10.5%
TEHAMA	24,550	22,800	1,750	7.1%
TRINITY	5,090	4,500	580	11.4%
TULARE	187,400	170,200	17,200	9.2%
TUOLUMNE	25,710	24,090	1,620	6.3%
VENTURA	422,500	406,200	16,200	3.8%
YOLO	94,700	89,500	5,200	5.5%
YUBA	26,300	23,700	2,600	9.8%